



State BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007

West Virginia

The population of West Virginia in 2007 was 1,812,035. Its rank was 37th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 West Virginia had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$29,293. This PCPI ranked 49th in the United States and was 76 percent of the national average, \$38,564. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.0 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 5.0 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of West Virginia was \$19,243 and ranked 49th in the United States. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 West Virginia had a total personal income (TPI) of \$53,080,267*. This TPI ranked 39th in the United States. In 1997 the TPI of West Virginia was \$35,004,858* and ranked 37th in the United States. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 5.2 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.3 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and total personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of West Virginia. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 61.4 percent of TPI (compared with 59.3 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 13.0 percent (compared with 16.8 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 25.6 percent (compared with 23.9 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 4.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.7 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 4.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.0 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in West Virginia increased from \$34,735,801* in 2006 to \$36,281,401* in 2007, an increase of 4.4 percent. The 2006-2007 national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$23,827,400* to the 2007 estimate was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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